Swimming School has started! We had lots of excited students happy to be splashing in the water, hopefully the weather stays fine for the next two weeks. Thank you to Miss Atkins for running the swimming program with the help of all the Mums and Dads and community members who have volunteered their time.

Today our Year 6 students spent the day at Dorrigo High School. Mr Bleakey mentioned that our students have been doing very well during classes and have enjoyed being in the high school environment.

I’m looking forward to receiving the 2016 School Captains nominations forms from our Year 5 students. The forms are due this Friday, with the interviews for successful applicants being held next week. The Captains Speeches will be presented to the school at a special assembly on Monday 30 November.

Last week I held a Parent Information Session for the parents of our new Kinder 2016 students. It was a great opportunity to meet new families and welcome them to our school. We had a presentation, a tour around our school and a question and answer session. Thank you to Steffi Eppler, our P&C President for her input to the presentation, and also to all the Mums and Dads who came along. We look forward to working with you in the new year.

Tanya Bajda  
Principal

Calendar – Term 4

Week 7  Swimming program starts  
Fri 20/11  Captain’s Nominations Due

Week 8  Bush to Beach Surf Lifesaving  
Mon 23/11  9:30am    3-6  
           10:30am    K-1

Upcoming Events

Fri 20/11  School Captains nominations due  
Mon 30/11  Captains speeches  
Tues 8/12  Mini Fete  
Fri 11/12  Kindergarten Graduation 11:15  
Mon 14/12  Volunteers Lunch 12 noon  
           Presentation of Awards 1pm  
Tues 15/12  Yr 6 Special Assembly  
           Yr 6 Farewell  
Wed 16/12  Big Day Out excursion
Canteen Term 4

Week 7
Wed 18 Nov Cara R Jodie H
Fri 20 Nov Katrina I Sharleen Ln

Week 8
Mon 23 Nov Denna B Lisa L
Wed 25 Nov Cassie M Candice C
Fri 27 Nov Steffi E Pete S

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at last week’s assembly.
K/Year 1 Jaxon Holly
Year 1/2 Nicholas Elle
Year 2/3/4 Danyella Belle
Year 5 Jarrah Asher
Year 6 Louie Logan
Kyran Hannah

Gold Awards

Congratulations to Callan, Gabrielle, Asher and Fraser who received a Gold Award at our recent assemblies. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

We have been advised that there have been diagnosed cases of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in our community. We will continue to encourage all students to practice good hygiene, eg wash their hands after using the bathroom and to cover their mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.

Spruce Up Dorrigo Project

Keep an eye out for our wonderfully bright bin outside SPAR. Year 2/3/4 students have been involved in the Spruce Up Dorrigo project. Under the careful guidance of some of our Year 4 students, the class has designed and decorated the bin. During third term Year 2/3/4 learnt about the environment and the animals all over the world, and how important it is to look after them. They decided this would be the inspiration behind their art work. The class is very excited knowing that they have contributed to sprucing up our Dorrigo streets and are looking forward to putting the bin on show for everyone to see.

On Thursday selected students from Year 2/3/4 will have a photo opportunity outside SPAR, while the bin is being unveiled. The variation of School Routine note (walking note) signed earlier in the year covers consent for this event.

Year 5 will be conducting the assembly this Friday 20 November at 11:15. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Enrolling at Dorrigo Public School in 2016

We have reached the time of year when we need to prepare for 2016 and are looking at formation of classes.

If you intend to enrol your child at Dorrigo Public School we ask that you contact (66572097 or dorrigo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) the school to organise the necessary paperwork.
Cooking with Steffi

Year 5 students have been thoroughly enjoying their cooking sessions with Steffi on Wednesday afternoons. Last week Steffi gave us a lesson in yeast and how it is used to make bread. We worked in five groups to create some scrumptious bready dishes, including pizza, focaccia, buns with seeds, French sticks and sweet buns. Whilst our tasty treats were cooking, Steffi gave us a lesson in bread making and kneading. We would like to thank Steffi enormously for all her work and sharing her expertise with us. We look forward to cooking again this Wednesday afternoon, and would like to remind all parents that volunteers are more than welcome.

Mrs Bingle
Year 5

CSP- Online maths, wordskills and reading for Kids’ 4-15 extended until 31 December 2015

Please note the new expiry date.
To claim your $60 discount per child either:
Use your existing card
We have extended the expiry date until 31st Dec
OR
Follow the steps below
1. Visit www.zoowhiz.com/claim
2. Sign in or register. We only need simple information and will not share it with third parties.
3. Enter the code below for your first child
4. Make payment Guaranteed same low price for annual renewals. May be cancelled at any time.
5. Use multiple times for additional children
Code is RJNK-EWAG-SVNW

Swimming Helpers

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have volunteered their time to assist in the school swimming program for the next two weeks. We are still in need of helpers in the Stage 1 classes. It is important we have a strong team of helpers for these groups as the majority of students are beginners and still developing confidence in the water. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer your time or offer a little bit extra time to help out. It’s with the assistance of our parent helpers that we are able to run such a successful program.
Remembrance Day 2015 Yr 6 Poetry

My Great, Great Pop fought in the war so try and remember him and his mates from 1918.

Acrostic Poem

Pride is what made the soldiers go to war
One or two minutes to remember all of them
Poppies all over the Battlefield
Proud of the people who died for us
Yet we remember all

Logan Year 6

Poppies are red, war is bad when it was over we all felt sad

Remembering those who died
Everyone was scared within the war
Mighty fury fighting for all
Eating ANZAC biscuits and then going off to fight
More and more fear getting a fright
Building trenches letting poppies grow
Envy between the two that were fighting
Really scared when noise stopped

Louie Year 6

Remember the soldiers that died
Everyone who died we respect with a poppy
Minutes of silence to remember
Everyone deserves a minute of silence
Men fought and died to protect us
Be brave like the soldiers
Respect them like how you would like to
Always remember your Poppy
Never talk in your minute of silence
Come and go the soldiers to war
Even I can’t help but cry

Vanessa Year 6

Dorrigo Show 28-29 November 2015

The Show Schedule is available online. Entries close at 5pm 20 November at the Showgrounds for the Student’s Section. We would like to encourage students to enter artworks in the show and will accept entries at the School Office until Thursday 19 November. Entry fee is 50c per item.
**Highlights of the Sydney Excursion**

My favourite experience at Sydney was when we went to the zoo. We saw lots of amazing animals, but some of them were inside because it was raining. We saw Barbary Sheep which are goats with big horns. Next we saw the cute Fennec Fox which is a little white fox with big long ears. We went to the Zebra’s pen and saw all their funny patterns. After that we saw some Elephants and Giraffes. The Giraffes were so tall and a Zoo Keeper was feeding them so they were extra close.

**Rocco Year 6**

My favourite experience of the excursion was the Wax Museum. I found out you can make any famous celebrity by using wax and a lot of effort. I got some pictures with some of the creations and most of them looked very realistic.

My favourite sculpture was Hugh Jackman, he was Wolverine and had the blades coming out of his knuckles. It also showed the blades he used in a glass case with writing saying “The blades used by Hugh Jackman in the hit movie Wolverine, first released in 2011.” It also had his signature and a sentence saying “Nothing’s impossible, don’t ever give up, the ones that don’t give up succeed.”

**Louie Year 6**

On Thursday night we went to a basketball game. The players were very tall. There was a lion that kissed me on the hand and then scared Mrs K. We all laughed. There were cheer leaders, break dancers and famous people. Sydney lost unfortunately but at the end of the end of the game we got to take photos and get autographs. Most of us got in a photo with the cheerleaders and the lion. We were fine until the lion jumped in the road right in front of me so some of the cheerleaders threw me in the air and when I landed I was leaning on the lion’s shoulders.

**Cheyenne Year 6**

My favourite thing was the zoo because I saw animals that I’ve not seen before. I liked the Cassowary, Gorillas and Seals. My favourite animal was the otter. We saw it dive and get some fish and eat it.

I also liked the Aquarium. We saw dugongs, sharks, fish, penguins, sea cucumber and star fish. My favourite animal was the penguin.

I learnt that the Port Jackson shark gets a mouth full of water to breathe. Unlike the other sharks it breathes through its gills.

At the Maritime Museum Shackleton wanted to be the first person to cross the Antarctic but he didn’t succeed. They ran out of food so they ate what they could find. They ate penguins and other animals. He rescued all his crew after a long journey. I had a great time.

**Kyran Year 6**